

In Memory of
US Army Private
Adolph David Bluedog

Waubay, South Dakota
Day County
April 17, 1932 -- August 4, 1952
Died of Wounds in Korea



Adolph David Bluedog he was born in Waubay South Dakota, on April 17, 1932 to his parents, Flora (Arrow) and David Bluedog. He had two brothers and two sisters. Adolph's mother died when he was 16.

Adolph entered the service on January 15, 1951, at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He joined with his cousin, Earl Evans. They were shipped to Fort Riley, Kansas, for their basic training. The two were separated when Pfc. Evans was sent overseas a year earlier but was returned to the United States in September of 1951 after being wounded in action. Pvt. Blue Dog, who as a member of the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was sent to Korea on May 9, 1952.

On August 4, 1952, shortly after arriving in combat, Private Adolph Bluedog was wounded in action and died of his wounds later that same day. When his body was returned to the United States, a local newspaper wrote, "The body of an American Indian whose ancestors died fighting for their freedoms, and who, himself gave his life for democracy, arrived in Waubay Monday night [October 6th, 1951]." His body was accompanied by his cousin, Pfc. Earl Evans. He was buried with military honors at Indian Church Cemetery at Enemy Swim Lake near Waubay on October 9.

Private Bluedog was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.

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